

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 13, 33, 34 and 39-44 are now pending in the application, with claims 6 and 7 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6-8 are allowable. In the amendments above, claims 1-3, 13 and 33 have been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 6. In addition, new claims 39-44, corresponding to claims 1-3, 13, 33 and 34, respectively, have been added as dependent claims from independent claim 7. As result, the entire application should now be in condition for allowance, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

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